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LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following.

The Government of the United States of America has recently published a special warning under Navigation Notice No. 27/95 of 12 May 1995 through the Middle East Navigation Aids Service in Bahrain. In addition to unfounded allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the special warning has declared the area of the northern Persian Gulf as unsafe for commercial shipping and falsely attributed the insecurity of the area to Iranian flag ships.

The United States allegations relate to those measures by the naval forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran which aim to maintain the security and safety of international navigation in the region, implement provisions of sanctions against Iraq, and in particular prevent misuse of the Iranian flag or the use of forged documents and manifests.

Being fully aware of and committed to its obligations for the maintenance of safety and security in the region, and in the implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions as the largest littoral country in the Persian Gulf, the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the above-mentioned allegations.

Expressing concern about the misuse of Security Council resolutions by the United States, which takes place with the purpose of expanding its military presence in the Persian Gulf area, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers the recent activities and provocative statements by the United States Government to be in contravention of its obligations under Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, which give rise to crisis and insecurity in the region, and condemns them as a source of threat against international peace and security.

It would be appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
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